

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:96
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2002
QUALITY OF MINERAL WATER
DAGGUBATI RAMANAIDU;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware that the mineral water marketed in India is neither of the approved international standard, nor of the standard prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards and is in most cases contaminated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the licence of some leading companies have since been cancelled by BIS;
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other corrective measures initiated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (e) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 96 FOR 19/07/2002 REGARDING QUALITY OF MINERAL WATER

(a) & (b): The Government of India in the notification No. GSR 759 (E) & GSR 760(E) dated 29th September, 2000, issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have brought Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water under the compulsory certification scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) w.e.f 29.03.01. It is, therefore, mandatory for Natural Mineral Water & Packaged Drinking Water sold in India to carry the BIS Standard Mark. At present, there are 6 approved manufacturers of Natural Mineral Water in India and abroad as per enclosed statement (Annexure). The Government has no information that the mineral water being marketed is contaminated in most cases. BIS has a built in system to check the quality of produce of its licensees periodically.

(c) (d) & (e): The Bureau of Indian Standards cancelled the Licence No. CM/L-8428381 for Packaged Drinking Water of M/s Delhi Bisleri Company Ltd. on 16.05.02 in view of violations of conditions of license such as mislabelling. The Appellate Authority has set aside the order of Bureau of Indian Standards considering the facts and the circumstances of the case. However, the Appellate Authority has directed that keeping the consumer interest in view, a technical audit should be conducted jointly by Bureau of Indian Standards and the licensee and corrective measures taken to the satisfaction of Bureau of Indian Standards before renewal of licence. Experts from BIS visited the plant of Bisleri on 19th, 20th and 26th June, 2002 for a technical audit and verification of corrective measures taken to its satisfaction. Samples taken from the plant were got tested from an approved laboratory and found in order. The Licence was, therefore, renewed by BIS on 27th June, 2002.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) & (b) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 96 FOR 19/07/2002

Sl. No.	Name of the licensee	Licence No.	Date of grant	Brand Name
1.	G.C. Beverages, Plot NO. 63, HPSIDC Baddi, Solani (HP)	L-9270680 18	2001 01	Life Spring
2.	Mount Everest Mineral Water Ltd., & P.O. Dhaulta Khan,	L-9273181 02	2001 03	Himalyan

tehsil Paonta Sahib,
Siraur (HP)

3.	D.S. Foods Ltd., Raison, Kulu (HP)	L- 9276490	30	2001	03	Catch
4.	Alfa Aqua Associates 7/1, Industrial Area, Rudrapur, Dist. US Nagar	L- 9309883	25	2001	11	Hello Alfa Blue
5.	Vikas Mineral Food (P) Ltd., Vill: Kakriali, Ramgarh Derabassi Road, The: Derabassi, Distt. Patiala	L- 9334478	27	2002	05	Total-Z
6.	S.A. Des Eaux Minerales L- D'Evian, France, C/o M/s Danone International Brands India, 1102 Maker Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021	L- 4000323	28	2001	09	Evian

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